

Sunny Start

Indicator Definitions and Data Sources



The following indicators are included in the county pages. Data year definitions are as follows:

SFY	State Fiscal Year: July 1 – June 30
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year: October 1 – September 30
CY	Calendar Year: January 1 – December 31

County Level Population

Child Population Under 5 (CY)

Definition: Total estimated number of children age 0 through 5.

Data Source: Puzzanchera, C., Sladky, A. and Kang, W. (2012). "Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2007." <http://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/>

% of Total Population who are Ages 0 to 5 (CY)

Definition: The percentage of the total population that is made up by children 5 and younger.

Data Source: Puzzanchera, C., Sladky, A. and Kang, W. (2012). "Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2007." <http://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/>

% of All Children Under Age 18 who are Ages 0 to 5 (CY)

Definition: The percentage of the total child population that is made up by children 5 and younger.

Data Source: Puzzanchera, C., Sladky, A. and Kang, W. (2012). "Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2007." <http://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/>

Physical Health and Well-Being

of Live Births (CY)

Definition: The total number of live births to women of all ages.

Data Source: The Indiana State Department of Health, Epidemiology Resource Center, Data Analysis Team. <http://www.in.gov/isdh/19095.htm>

Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 Females Age 15-17 (CY)

Definition: The number of births to mothers age 15 through 17 per 1,000 females in this age group.

Data Source: The Indiana State Department of Health, Epidemiology Resource Center, Data Analysis Team. <http://www.in.gov/isdh/19095.htm>

% of Mothers who Received 1st Trimester Prenatal Care (CY)

Definition: The percent of pregnant women who began prenatal care during the first three months of pregnancy. Due to a change in data collection, current data should not be compared to those prior to 2006.

Data Source: The Indiana State Department of Health, Epidemiology Resource Center, Data Analysis Team. <http://www.in.gov/isdh/19095.htm>

% of Mothers who Reported Smoking During Pregnancy (CY)

Definition: The percent of women who reported they had smoked during pregnancy. Due to a change in data collection, current data should not be compared to those prior to 2006.

Data Source: The Indiana State Department of Health, Epidemiology Resource Center, Data Analysis Team. <http://www.in.gov/isdh/19095.htm>

Physical Health and Well-Being (cont.)

% of Low Birthweight Babies (CY)

Definition: The percent of infants born at a weight of less than 2,500 grams (about 5.5 pounds).

Data Source: The Indiana State Department of Health, Epidemiology Resource Center, Data Analysis Team.
<http://www.in.gov/isdh/19095.htm>

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births (CY)

Definition: The number of infant (children under 1) deaths per 1,000 live births.

Data Source: The Indiana State Department of Health, Epidemiology Resource Center, Data Analysis Team.
<http://www.in.gov/isdh/19096.htm>

of Children Under 6 on Public Health Insurance (SFY)

Definition: The number of children under 6 who receive public health insurance.

Data Source: Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy and Programming. <http://www.in.gov/fssa/2408.htm>

of Children w/ Confirmed Elevated Blood Levels of Lead, Ages 0-5 (CY)

Definition: The number of children whose blood lead level is ten micrograms of lead or more per deciliter of blood ($\geq 10\mu\text{g/dL}$). The elevated level has been confirmed by a venous test or a second capillary test.

Data Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Indiana Lead and Healthy Homes Program.
<http://www.in.gov/isdh/19137.htm>

Social and Emotional Development

Child Abuse and Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18 (SFY)

Definition: The rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect per 1,000 children younger than age 18. A case is considered substantiated when an investigation reveals credible evidence of abuse or neglect.

Data Source: Indiana Department of Child Services. <http://www.in.gov/dcs/2329.htm>

Early Childhood—School Readiness

of Licensed Child Care Centers (SFY)

Definition: The number of child care centers licensed by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. A child care center is a non-residential home where at least one child receives child care from a provider.

Data Source: Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Bureau of Child Care.
<http://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/4083.htm>

of Licensed Child Care Homes (SFY)

Definition: The number of child care homes licensed by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. A child care home is a residence in which at least 6 children at any time receive child care from a provider.

Data Source: Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Bureau of Child Care.
<http://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/4083.htm>

of Registered Child Care Ministries (SFY)

Definition: The number of child care ministries licensed by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. A child care ministry is a child care program operated by a church or another tax exempt religious institution.

Data Source: Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Bureau of Child Care.
<http://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/4083.htm>

Early Childhood—School Readiness (cont.)

of Licensed Child Care Slots per 100 Children, Age 0-4 (SFY)

Definition: The capacity of licensed child care centers and homes in the county (or state) per 100 children ages 0-4. This figure does not include child care ministries.

Data Sources: Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Bureau of Child Care.

<http://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/4083.htm>; Puzzanchera, C., Sladky, A. and Kang, W. (2011). "Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2010." <http://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/>

of Children Receiving Child Care Vouchers (FFY)

Definition: The number of children whose child care arrangements were supported through Indiana's CCDF Child Care Voucher program. The voucher program subsidizes child care costs for low income families who work or attend school.

Data Source: Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Bureau of Child Care.

<http://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/4083.htm>

Monthly Avg # of Children on Waiting List for Child Care (FFY)

Definition: The average number of children who are on a waitlist for financial assistance for child care support through Indiana's CCDF Child Care Voucher program.

Data Source: Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Bureau of Child Care.

<http://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/4083.htm>

of Early Head Start and Head Start Funded Enrollment Slots (SFY)

Definition: The number of funded enrollment slots available for participation in Early Head Start or Head Start programs. Early Head Start and Head Start are open to pregnant women as well as children 0-3 and 3-5, respectively. An individual is eligible for Head Start or Early Head Start if he/she is homeless, a TANF or SSI recipient, in foster care, or if their family income falls below federal poverty guidelines.

Data Source: Indiana Head Start State Collaboration Office. <http://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/3292.htm>

of First Steps Children Served (SFY)

Definition: The number of children with an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) served by the First Steps Early Intervention program at any point during the last fiscal year. First Steps is open to children from birth to age 3 with disabilities, developmental delays, or at significant risk for disabilities or delays.

Data Source: Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, First Steps.

<http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2812.htm>

Family Support

% of Children in Poverty, Age 0-17 (CY)

Definition: The percent of children younger than age 18 living in households with incomes below the federal poverty thresholds as reported by the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates. The federal poverty threshold is calculated annually and differs according to the size and composition of the household.

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, Small Area Estimates Branch. <http://www.census.gov/did/www/saipe/county.html>

of Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Participants (FFY)

Definition: The number of women, infants and children receiving nutrition education and dietary supplements through the WIC Program. To be eligible for WIC, an individual must be an Indiana resident and be part of a group serviced by WIC [pregnant women, breastfeeding women (up to 1st birthday), non-breastfeeding post-partum women (up to 6 months), infants up to 1 yr, and children up to 5 yrs].

Data Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Indiana Women, Infants, and Children Program.

<http://www.in.gov/isdh/24849.htm>